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By His Excellency
Thomas Chittenden Esqr
Governor. Captain General. and Commander in Chief in and
over the State of Vermont
A Proclamation

It being the indespensible duty of us as a people to acknowledge our absolute dependence on the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, by seeking for direction and success in all our affairs; and the approaches of Spring more especially calling upon us to implore the divine blessing on the concerns and occurrences of the ensuing year. and to humble ourselves for our sins;

I have therefore thought fit. by and with the advice of the Council. to appoint. and I do hereby appoint Wednesday the ninth Day of April next. to be a day of Public Humiliation Fasting and Prayer. throughout this State — And I do hereby exhort ministers and people of every religious denomination, to assemble on said day at their respective places of public worship. humbly to acknowledge their sins. and supplicate divine forgiveness. through the merits of Jesus Christ,
That he would restore needed mercies. order in mercifulness the internal government of the State — That he would secure the invaluable blessings of Republicanism to the United States, the product of a Righteous War. under the divine auspices:
That he would graciously smile on the exertions of the great and first ally of America. the Republic of France,
terminate their struggles. in the advancement of his glory, and the establishment of a just and equal government.
and defeat the machinations of Despotism. throughout the world
That he would save our land from wasting sickness. pestilence. drought. mildews. insects. and every desolating judgement —
That he would favor agriculture, and cause the earth to yield its increase — That he would graciously bestow his blessings on all schools and seminaries of learning. that they may be

mercies of piety, and be extensively useful - That he would
help and direct the President of the United States, direct the
national councils, granting them every necessary support and
leading them to integrity of heart and unity of sentiment
- That he would cement the union of the states of America,
help their Allies with wisdom, and guide them and us in the
discharge of national contracts - That he would continue
peace to us, defend our frontiers, and terminate our contest
with the indians, by lasting bonds of amity and mutual
advantage - That he would extend the blessings of freedom and
liberty, civil and religious, among all nations; put an end
to tyranny and arbitrary power the bulwarks of satans
kingdom - That God would mercifully shed down the
influences of his Holy Spirit, put an end to error, vice
decaying religion through this land and the world - That
That he would, for this end help the ministers of his holy word
grant them more abundant measures of knowledge and grace
- That he would build up churches in the faith, purity and
fellowship of the gospel, and advance the peaceful, glorious
kingdom of God our saviour throughout the world
And I do earnestly recommend to the good people of the State, to
abstain from all servile labor and recreation, inconsistent
with the duties of said day,
Given under my hand at Wilton, this 20th day of January,
in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and
ninety four, and of our independence the eighteenth

Thomas Chittenden

By His Excellency's command
Joseph Fay secretary